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Natural Gas vs. Wood-splitting.

I consider myself a very fortunate boy in some respects at least, for about the time I was large enough to split wood, two men came to our house in order to persuade my father to lease his farm for natural gas purposes and I shall always remember these men in kindness for the work they accomplished that day, because natural gas meant no more wood-splitting.

Having no brothers at that time to play with, I remained in the house listening to the conversation and learned that some people thought that if a hole was dug deep enough some kind of gas could be secured which could be piped to the houses and used for fuel and light. I couldn't see just how it could be accomplished but I was glad father was going to give them a chance, for several other fathers were doing so and I didn't want to be the only boy in the township splitting wood.

A well was drilled about four and one-half miles from my home and everybody went to see how it was done. They didn't use spades as I supposed they would, but they had a large, tall derrick, as they called it, about seventy-five feet high and a rope wound around a big wheel with one end extending over a pulley at the top of the derrick and fastened to a long, slim drill, which by means of an engine pounded its way through earth and rock. They kept pounding away for about a month until they had a hole about six inches in diameter and nine hundred feet deep, then they struck gas.

The gas was very strong, strong enough to hold an axe up and the roar could be heard for miles.

In some way the fuel was ignited and a blaze about a hundred and fifty feet high lighted the country. Excursion trains from two hundred miles or more brought crowds to the place to see "Old Jumbo." I remember one day cousin Sarah was going with a crowd of young people to see the famous well and Aunt Sallie's last admonition was, "Don't get too close dear, and fall in." Sarah weighed at least two hundred pounds.

"Old Jumbo" roared for about six weeks and several people moved from the vicinity in order to escape the noise. Other wells were drilled and soon pipes were laid to the houses and plumbers fixed the lights and stoves. I was disappointed when the gas was turned on for the first time in our cook stove for it didn't burn. Father seemed to know more about it than I did and applied a match and in a few minutes mother was frying doughnuts.

Pa said he guessed he might as well split the wood box into kindling, then happened to think he didn't need any kindling and gave the box to me for a squirrel house. It was not long until every farmer had a large gas light in his barn yard while he did his chores and the towns were also lighted in the same way. There were other uses for the new fuel also. It proved to be an ideal fuel for the manufacture of glassware and every town soon had from one to seven factories and all doing a large business.

On account of not burning oil in lamps Rockefeller's business was interfered with, but he or someone else soon had a "corner" on gas and consequently more wells were drilled, large pumping stations erected, and six, eight and ten inch pipe lines carried the fuel to

cities a hundred and two hundred miles away. The strain was too great and in about fifteen years the gas began to fail, many of the factories closed, and one day father came home with a new axe. I was not used to handling axes and the first time I tried it I cut my foot and didn't have to chop wood again for about three weeks. I realized I would have to do one of two things, split wood or leave home, and I did the latter. They said the gas would accumulate again in a year or two, but I didn't wait to see.

H. A. W. '10.

Life.

O restless world of haunting, anxious fears,
I love thee yet in spite of bitter tears.
Thy gift to man is not a hoard of grief,
To gall, oppress, and strengthen unbelief.
Nay, rather 'tis a noble kind,
Which feeds and nourishes the human mind:
A rich inheritance of goodly worth,
Of mingled joy and sadness in the earth;
A gold-lined cloud. The brightness lights the land.
The darker portion moulds and makes the man.

The Search.

Night had fallen. The search was continued. The scene was filled with all the gloom and blackness of a night in the wilds of Canada. Ever since morning they had searched for the young wanderers, who had carelessly roamed and become lost in the woods during their play. The intense darkness was made more formidable by a dense fog, cold and penetrating. All was still as

death, save when a lone wolf broke the silence with a dismal howl, giving all a fearful and uncanny aspect.

The searchers, two in number, stumbled along in the darkness. Suddenly they came to a stop near a small clearing in which was a deserted cabin. They had heard a sound—surely the cry of a child. They listened, intensely eager. It came again; a piteous wail, long-drawn and dismal. They made their way nearer the cabin. Then, close by them, the cry came again, plainly a cry of distress, chilling the blood with pity and terror. The older of the two searchers started forward. "O, come on and let them fight. This is not finding those calves."

Single blessedness is the greatest boon of the unmarried man's life. The term itself might appear ambiguous at first, and be taken to mean only one blessing at a time, with times a long distance apart. But its meaning must not be taken in the narrow sense. In fact, it must be taken and applied in a wholesale manner to all mankind.

Again to come down to the point, the term must have something of a particular meaning also, for obviously it may mean only a part, or rather be applied to only a part of the human family. Furthermore that part of the human family has no family.

Granting the latter we cite a few advantages. In the first place, what becomes of a married man's money? A satisfactory answer is an impossibility, but a few guesses may be made. Hats, pins, furs, cotton batting and a thousand other undestructable things.

Then again, when does a husband get any rest, peace or tranquility? It is "John dear, bring a little coal for the fire" or "John, rock the baby for a minute,

I want to go over to Mrs. Brown's to see about the new dress." Oh! This makes him think of the time when it didn't matter if the fire did go down and all the Mrs. Browns were dead.

Take it all around who wants to be ordered around like a Chinese waiter from morning till night with "John do this" or "John do that." There is only one blessedness better than single blessedness, which is double blessedness.

Track Booster.

During the last few days some work has been done on our track in the way of scraping and leveling it. We are now ready to do some work at hard, consistent training. All we lack is the proper amount and kind of enthusiasm to develop a good winning track team. We are not strong in numbers, for there are few of our old athletes in school. Neither do we have any stars of any great magnitude. In the past we have produced some good all around athletes, like Kramien, Heater, Macy and Hodson. We may not be able to display such stars this year, and again we may. One never knows that a meteor is going to flash until it does. We don't know what one of our athletes is going to develop suddenly or slowly and make people's eyes open by running the century in ten flat, putting the shot forty feet, or clearing the bar at eleven six. There is a good store of new material to back Pacific's future athletics—a lot of huskies who do not yet know what they can do.

We are booked to meet P. U. on May 9, and every fellow should do his best to help out the team. It will be won by team work, not by star performances. Pacific College has in the past had a habit of winning; let's prove that we still have the habit.

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Why A College?

Here's to the college man! The fellow who spends the ripening period of life getting the fundamental principles of science, digging up Horace and Plato, and attending secret spreads during study hours.

The college course is the developing bath which brings out the image of the man, with all the details. The finishing touches come later. When a boy enters college he is just beginning to develop. If he is an orator, he begins to orate; if a student, he begins studying; if a freak, he begins freaking.

College life is the blooming period. And here is a trade-last for the college girl: She is an opening rosebud, with all the dewy freshness of morning; and her

graces and emotions are as tender and lovely as the dainty hues of the half open rose.

The period of college life is the time when the fundamental principles of character are developed. It is the period when life is first reviewed seriously. The most fervent joys, and the most vehement passions are felt by the college student; also the most heartfelt discouragements. And in this time when life is yet in the dewy freshness of morning the general education is best acquired as a broad foundation for special training.

The college is in no sense of the word a professional school. It does not prepare students for active life, and does not pretend to. The habitual language of college students on commencement day that they are "now ready to begin the battle of life" is absurd. When you hear a college commencement address in which the speaker pats the young hopefuls on the back and tells them they are ready to march to success, and says, "Here's life, go to it," mark it that his education has not been perfectly attended to. College graduation is commencement; yes, it is the commencement of one's education if one's education is properly developed. For the time is coming and now is when university training in the line of one's life work is, if not an absolute necessity, a half-way handicap over the person who has not time to spend four or five years in a university. The university student progresses by leaps and bounds; the college graduate plods. To prove this you have only to look about at those who have quit school at the end of a college course, and those who have thought they could spare four years for higher training. The bounders and plodders are everywhere in evidence.

People do not go to college to fit themselves for the struggle of life, but rather as a preparation for the

preparation. The general education of a college course is the foundation for training. Every college student should look forward to a university training in his or her line of work. Don't get in a hurry. Better "stay till you're finished."

One cannot help contrasting the jokes on a college exchange table with those of the newspapers. Newspaper humor is in some respects degenerating. The jokes, flashes of fun, or whatever they happen to be called are sometimes void of humor or wit. They are too often of such a light strain of humor that one cannot even smile at them. The first story about John's getting home late, or Mrs. Youngwife's first cooking was probably humorous. Surely all its successors are not. We believe that they are unjust to Mrs Youngwife and John. There is something original and tickling about most of our college exchange jokes. They are spicy and have a short, concise humor about them. College papers contend that there is something new under the sun.

It is with fear and trembling that the new Crescent staff steps to the bat after our predecessors have just made a safe hit. We realize the difficulty in editing a college paper in a small school, and hope to receive the hearty co-operation of every student in Pacific College. It is true that one or two people can edit a paper—when they know how, and have nothing else to do. But college students are not men of leisure. Every student should help make the Crescent a credit to our school. Keep your eyes open for locals, write a story or editorial occasionally, and don't be afraid to make suggestions.

Locals.

The girls have raised money to buy new window curtains for the association room and the boys are to stand the expense of papering it.

There are several fellows turning out every evening for track work and a team will soon be selected to represent the college.

Arthur Wilson attended the meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon State Basket Ball League at Salem April 4. Frank Kersey of Dallas College was elected president for next year, Harvey Wright secretary, and J. Hartman treasurer.

The funeral of Miss Erma Heacock's cousin, Lillian Heacock, occurred April 8. Some of the college students attended.

The spring term officers of the Euphemean literary society are Florence Rees, president; Laura Coman, vice-president; Gladys Hannon, secretary; Lottie Edwards, treasurer; Vinnie Wallen, critic.

Olin Hadley and Harry White rode home on their bicycles, leaving April 10 and returning April 13. The former's home is at Marion and the latter's at Scotts Mills.

Harry White's father came to the dormitory to visit him April 12, but Harry had gone home.

Harrold Vickrey, Secretary of the State Debating League, attended the annual business meeting April 10 at Monmouth. Haines Burgess and Roy Fitch also attended the meeting as delegates. In the debate which occurred at the same time and place, Albany College won over the State Normal School, thus securing the League championship.

James Webb, Albert Pearson, Ellis Pickett and Hadaway Coffin are not in school this term.

Another siege of exams is over and the term's work is starting off nicely.

The Soph.-Jun. literature class has begun a term's study of Shakespeare.

Several attended the Dayton-Lafayette track meet a few days ago.

Prof. D. in Ger. (Literal Trans.)—He came slowly coughing and sneezing the stairs up.

The city Y. M. C. A. lightweights won at basket ball over the McMinnville Methodist boys' team in the college gymnasium Friday evening.

H. Y. (translating French)—He threw first his right, then his left leg through the dormer window.

Some students persist in studying or lounging during chapel, although our chapel exercises are excellent. The chapel period is not a study or rest period.

Several of the organizations in college elect new officers at the beginning of the spring term and pride is seen in the faces of several students who are now in office. Ernest Hadlock was elected president of the student body association, Riley Kaufman vice-president, Laura Hammer secretary, and Chris Smith treasurer. The new members of the Crescent staff are, Russell Lewis editor, Harvey Wright associate editor, Roy Mills business manager, and Haines Burgess assistant business manager. Officers of the Agoretton Club are as follows: Haines Burgess president, Arthur Weatherhead vice-president, Will Miles secretary, and Claude Lewis treasurer. The Prohibition Club elected Leonard George president, Ernest Hadlock vice-president, Will Miles secretary, and Roy Mills treasurer.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

The new officers of the Y. W. C. A. have been elected as follows: President Eula Hodson, vice-pres. Laura Hammer, sec. Mabel Haworth, treas. Leola Glass.

Erma Heacock, the delegate to the Oregon and Idaho convention at Eugene, reported a very interesting and helpful convention.

The girls are awakened as never before to the great work the Y. W. C. A. is doing all over the world and the pressing need for such an organization.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The annual election of officers occurred at the beginning of the term. Harvey Wright was elected president, Russell Lewis vice-president, Jesse Hammer secretary and Haines Burgess treasurer. Chairmen of the various committees have been appointed and plans for the work of the coming year are being discussed and put into execution.

Professor A. J. Folsom of Pacific University will lead our weekly prayer meeting April 30. He is a very able and interesting speaker and every fellow in college should make it a point to hear him. Remember the date.

It is time to think seriously about going to the Conference which will be held at the Hotel Breakers, Long Beach, Washington, June 13 to 22.

Mr. Neil McMillan, one of the Bible Study Secretaries of the International Committee is scheduled to visit Pacific College May 20. Mr. McMillan will have charge of the student section of the Conference at Long Beach.

Exchanges.

Oak Leaves for March is not below its usual high standard. The table of contents is.

We see no exchange department in the March Review. We hope the omission is not permanent.

Superlative, you have a good March number. Would it not be better to have the name of your school on or near the cover.

The March number of University Life is a good number, and very neatly gotten up.

The literary department of the Crucible is very good.

The Record of Sioux City Iowa is well edited in all its departments.

Truth.

Ambition knocks at the door of success; achievement opens the door and enters.

If men confided in men instead of suspicioning them, there would be less use for fences and watch dogs.

An optimist—the person who thinks all the eggs will hatch.

A pessimist—the person who, between two evils chooses both.

Half the people who haven't time, spend enough time telling others so to draw a respectable salary.

One man up at five a. m. is worth two in bed until seven.

A man is not necessarily a bad man because a dog barks at him.

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